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**ELECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.146
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 12/17/2004, Applicants hereby make their election in the above-named application, as set forth hereinbelow. Please also amend the above named application as set forth hereinbelow. The amendments are presented in accordance with the Revised Amendment Practice set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121 effective 07/30/2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

A shortened statutory period for response expired on 01/17/2005. Accordingly, this communication is timely submitted with the accompanying petition for a two-month extension-of-time, and the petition fee required therefor.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is included herewith, including photocopies of non-patent references cited. Photocopies of US patents and published US patent applications cited in the IDS are not included. The conditions set forth in 37 CFR §1.97(b) obtain, therefore no fee is required for submission of the IDS.